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(He stopped keeping a record at the end of the third day)

This campaign lasted several weeks, yet cost Pocahontas only \$68.68. In speaking of this march the old soldiers referred to it as the "Tin Cup Campaign", a cup was all the equipment furnished them. They provided their own arms.

The late Hugh P. McLaughlin always took delight in relating his experiences, as a boy, on this "Tin Cup Campaign". Somewhere along the road to Philippi they came to a farm where there was a mowing machine with its tongue propped up, in a shed. Few of them had ever seen a mower, and word was passed down the ranks that it was a cannon. One boy took a look at it, and remarked on the length of the ramrod.

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 - James Akers
 - Andrew C. Alderman
 - Timoleen Angus
 - Beverly Boon
 - George Burr
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On the return of these Pocahontas Rescuers the company was disbanded, and the men with a number of additions made up Co. 1 25 th Virginia Infantry. J. Hugh McLaughlin was elected first Lieutenant.

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Captain - D. A. Stofer

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Captain Stofer came from the valley of Virginia. He served as a commonwealth attorney for Pocahontas a number of years. He had been a soldier in the Mexican War and had fought a number of battles. He was wounded at Cross Keys when he fell with five bullet holes in him. But he lived to survive the war some 20 years.

The private who made up this company were the members of the Pocahontas Rescuers with the addition of the following names;

Daniel Arbogast
William Burr
Peter L. Cleck
Charles Eagon
William Gammon
Patric Moher

J. W. Mathews
Michael Shannon
C. A. Simmons
B. Franklin Shrader
George Ware
Eugene Ware
William Ware
Benjamin Ware

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This company was engaged in the following battles: Philippi (this was while it was known as Pocahontas Rescues). Mc Dowell, Winchester, Cross Keys, Port Republic, 7 days fight around Richmond, Slaughter Mountain, Second Manassas, Bristow Station, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg. Second Winchester, Gettysburg, Mine Run, and Wilderness. In the latter the 25th Regiment was captured. Co 1 from Pocahontas had been reduced (killed) to 17 men. Of these 17 men, eleven lived through the war, the other 6 died in prison.

When captured they were first taken to Point Lookout Maryland. Then to Elmira, N. Y.

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- Friel, Montgomery R.
- Grimes, Peter
- Gannon, Cyrus S.
- Grasfeld, John b.
- Griffin, Matthias F.
- Heinick, Amos
- Reid, Charles B.
- Reid, Benjamin F.
- Hogsett, William H. b
- Hanes, Isaac B.
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- Jordan, Joseph D. b
- Lynn, Eben

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Looking around in the court house for something to print. I came upon some old papers in the hand writing of General William Skeen, which gave the roster of "The Pocahontas Rescuers," an infantry company organized when war threatened between the states, back in 1860. I print it herewith. Also the constitution and by-laws.

The company was mustered in on Saturday, May 18, 1861, and marched on that day to defend the sacred soil of Virginia from invasion by Federal forces in the northwest.

They met the invaders at Phillippt, Harbour County, and had no luck in repelling them.

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